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Political offenders in the Presidency.

453 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to state if any lists of political offenders are kept in this Presidency and, if so, what are the offences taken into consideration in preparing those lists;

(b) to give a list of all political prisoners in this Presidency as far as possible with the jails in which they are now confined, the length and nature of the imprisonment and the courts by which and the offences for which they were sentenced; and

(c) to state whether the Government intend to release all or any of them before the expiry of the full term of sentence?

A.—(a) & (c) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The Government have no information.

Admission into the B.Sc. class in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

454 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) the number of applications received for admission to the B.Sc. class of the Coimbatore Agricultural College;

(2) the number of Brahman and non-Brahman applicants respectively;

(3) the number of Brahmans and non-Brahmans admitted to the course with their qualifications; and

(4) whether there were applications from students who had passed in group (iii) of the intermediate examination and, if so, the number of such applicants actually admitted with their names and the class or community to which they belong?

A.—(1) 117.

(2) Brahmans 99, non-Brahmans 15, Christians 3.

(3) Brahmans 18, non-Brahmans 2.

Three of the 18 Brahmans were holders of the certificate of proficiency of the Agricultural College obtained after undergoing the short course of two years; two of these have since left the College.

(4) The Government have no information whether there were any applications from candidates who have passed the Intermediate Examination in Group III but no student with this qualification was admitted.

Recruitment of deputy tahsildars.

455 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the year in which the system of direct recruitment of Deputy Tahsildars was introduced;

(2) the total number of persons selected till now;

(3) the number of applicants from the Ceded Districts with their names and their qualifications; and

(4) the name or names of the person or persons, if any, that were selected from the Ceded Districts?

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A.—(1) 1918.

(2) 38.

(3) The applications from unsuccessful candidates were returned to the respective candidates after each selection. The Government have therefore no information regarding the number of applicants from the Ceded Districts.

(4) (1) Soma Joseph Reddi.

(2) Shaik Muhammed Ismail.

Reconstruction of Malabar.

456 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the amount of contribution given by Government for the reconstruction of Malabar till now;

(2) whether any advances from that fund were made to any planting company or companies and if so, the name or names of such companies with the amounts advanced to them; and

(3) the necessity for such advances to private companies?

A.—(1) The Government have made no free grant for reconstruction work in Malabar. They have, however, set apart a sum of 10 lakhs for distribution in the shape of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1884, for the purpose of relieving distress and encouraging reconstruction.

(2) Loans have been granted to the following planting companies:—

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Kerala-Calicut Rubber Estates, Limited ..	2,71,512
Edawanna Rubber and Tea Company	65,000
Pullengode Rubber Company	30,000
Kuttiadi Rubber Company	40,000

(3) The loans were given to the companies, as to private persons, for the purpose of enabling them to restore damage caused by the rebellion and to carry on their avocations till the next harvest.

Provincial officers in the Imperial forest service.

457 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the number of posts reserved in the Imperial service of the Forest Department for Provincial Forest Officers;

(2) the number of provincial officers now actually in the Imperial service;

(3) whether there are any vacancies now and, if so, the number of such vacancies; and

(4) when the Government propose to fill those vacancies?

A.—(1) Seven.

(2) Do.

(3) & (4) There are no vacancies at present.